

§ 204.125

Bulletin B-83-58). The Board of Governors has permitted state member banks to purchase, to the extent permitted under applicable state law, shares of money market mutual funds (MMMF) whose portfolios consist solely of securities that the state member bank may purchase directly (12 CFR 208.123).

(d) The Board has determined that an obligation arising from a repurchase agreement involving shares of a MMMF whose portfolio consists wholly of securities of the United States government or any agency thereof<sup>1</sup> would not be a *deposit* for purposes of Regulations D and Q. The Board believes that a repurchase agreement involving shares of such a MMMF is the functional equivalent of a repurchase agreement directly involving United States government or agency obligations. A purchaser of shares of a MMMF obtains an interest in a *pro rata* portion of the assets that comprise the MMMF's portfolio. Accordingly, regardless of whether the repurchase agreement involves United States government or agency obligations directly or shares in a MMMF whose portfolio consists entirely of United States government or agency obligations, an equitable and undivided interest in United States and agency government obligations is being transferred. Moreover, the Board believes that this interpretation will further the purpose of the exemption in Regulations D and Q for repurchase agreements involving United States government or Federal obligations by enhancing the market for such obligations.

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**§ 204.125 Foreign, international, and supranational entities referred to in §§ 204.2(c)(1)(iv)(E) and 204.8(a)(2)(i)(B)(5).**

The entities referred to in §§ 204.2(c)(1)(E) and 204.8(a)(2)(i)(B)(5) are:

<sup>1</sup>The term *United States government or any agency thereof* as used herein shall have the same meaning as in § 204.2(a)(1)(vii)(B) of Regulation D, 12 CFR 204.2(a)(1)(vii)(B).

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EUROPE

Bank for International Settlements.  
European Atomic Energy Community.  
European Coal and Steel Community.  
The European Communities.  
European Development Fund.  
European Economic Community.  
European Free Trade Association.  
European Fund.  
European Investment Bank.

LATIN AMERICA

Andean Development Corporation.  
Andean Subregional Group.  
Caribbean Development Bank.  
Caribbean Free Trade Association  
Caribbean Regional Development Agency.  
Central American Bank for Economic Integration.  
The Central American Institute for Industrial Research and Technology.  
Central American Monetary Stabilization Fund.  
East Caribbean Common Market.  
Latin American Free Trade Association.  
Organization for Central American States.  
Permanent Secretariat of the Central American General Treaty of Economic Integration.  
River Plate Basin Commission.

AFRICA

African Development Bank.  
Banque Centrale des Etats de l'Afrique Equatoriale et du Cameroun.  
Banque Centrale des Etats d'Afrique del'Ouest.  
Conseil de l'Entente.  
East African Community.  
Organisation Commune Africaine et Malagache.  
Organization of African Unity.  
Union des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale.  
Union Douaniere et Economique de l'Afrique Centrale.  
Union Douaniere des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest.

ASIA

Asia and Pacific Council.  
Association of Southeast Asian Nations.  
Bank of Taiwan.  
Korea Exchange Bank.

MIDDLE EAST

Central Treaty Organization.  
Regional Cooperation for Development.

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**§ 204.126 Depository institution participation in "Federal funds" market.**

(a) Under § 204.2(a)(1)(vii)(A), there is an exemption from Regulation D for

member bank obligations in nondeposit form to another bank. To assure the effectiveness of the limitations on persons who sell Federal funds to depository institutions, Regulation D applies to nondocumentary obligations undertaken by a depository institution to obtain funds for use in its banking business, as well as to documentary obligations. Under § 204.2(a)(1)(vii) of Regulation D, a depository institution's liability under informal arrangements as well as those formally embodied in a document are within the coverage of Regulation D.

(b) The exemption in § 204.2(a)(1)(vii)(A) applies to obligations owed by a depository institution to a domestic office of any entity listed in that section (the *exempt institutions*). The *exempt institutions* explicitly include another depository institution, foreign bank, Edge or agreement corporation, New York Investment (article XII) Company, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Minbanc Capital Corp., and certain other credit sources. The term *exempt institutions* also includes subsidiaries of depository institutions:

(1) That engage in businesses in which their parents are authorized to engage; or

(2) The stock of which by statute is explicitly eligible for purchase by national banks.

(c) To assure that this exemption for liabilities to exempt institutions is not used as a means by which nondepository institutions may arrange through an exempt institution to *sell* Federal funds to a depository institution, obligations within the exemption must be issued to an exempt institution for its own account. In view of this requirement, a depository institution that *purchases* Federal funds should ascertain the character (not necessarily the identity) of the actual *seller* in order to justify classification of its liability on the transaction as *Federal funds purchased* rather than as a deposit. Any exempt institution that has given general assurance to the purchasing depository institution that sales by it of Federal funds ordinarily will be for its own account and thereafter executes such transactions for the account of others, should disclose the nature of

the actual lender with respect to each such transaction. If it fails to do so, the depository institution would be deemed by the Board as indirectly violating section 19 of the Federal Reserve Act and Regulation D.

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#### **§ 204.127 Nondepository participation in "Federal funds" market.**

(a) The Board has considered whether the use of *interdepository institution loan participations (IDLPS)* which involve participation by third parties other than depository institutions in Federal funds transactions, comes within the exemption from *deposit* classification for certain obligations owed by a depository institution to an institution exempt in § 204.2(a)(1)(vii)(A) of Regulation D. An IDLP transaction is one through which an institution that has sold Federal funds to a depository institution, subsequently *sells* or participates out that obligation to a nondepository third party without notifying the obligated institution.

(b) The Board's interpretation regarding Federal funds transactions (12 CFR 204.126) clarified that a depository institution's liability must be issued to an exempt institution described in § 204.2(a)(1)(vii)(A) of Regulation D for its own account in order to come within the nondeposit exemption for interdepository liabilities. The Board regards transactions which result in third parties gaining access to the Federal funds market as contrary to the exemption contained in § 204.2(a)(1)(vii)(A) of Regulation D regardless of whether the nondepository institution third party is a party to the initial transaction or thereafter becomes a participant in the transaction through purchase of all or part of the obligation held by the *selling* depository institution.

(c) The Board regards the notice requirements set out in 12 CFR 204.126 as applicable to IDLP-type transactions as described herein so that a depository institution *selling* Federal funds must provide to the purchaser—

(1) Notice of its intention, at the time of the initial transaction, to sell or participate out its loan contract to a nondepository third party, and